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1. As of January 1950 Chinese Communist operation of railroads in North China and Manchuria included the following items:
  - a. The gauge of the railway between North China and Manchuria has not been changed.
  - b. There is a through train from Peiping to Harbin.
  - c. Bridges and tracks have been restored using captured Nationalist stockpiles of British-made materials. Rails and sleepers hidden by peasants during the Nationalist regime have been returned since the Communist occupation.
  - d. On the Tsinan-Tsingtao line, steel sleepers have been replaced by wooden ties.
2. Order has been well-maintained on the railroads; there are no special railway police on the trains and conductors are not accompanied by armed guards. Very few troops patrol the right-of-way north of the Yangtze, but south of the Yangtze there are heavy guards at stations and along the right-of-way.

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